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If a *modoi* (species of a very tiny spider) hangs within the buse (spins his web) it means that a traveler will come to hang up his web or hammock. 787 82

If a flea bites an Indian it is a sign that Indians are coming to his house.

If a boy falls from a hammock, it is a sign that he is going to be crazy.

If a bat hovers above the smoke of our home, it is a sign that our hunters will find a deer.

If on the road we stumble, it means that we are going to meet travelers coming in the opposite direction.

If a *riomá* (kind of bird) whistles *kui-pí, kui-pí*, he is saying: "a deer is hidden over there."

If a rooster or a hen crows at night at unusual hours, it means that one of our acquaintances is speaking against us.

If our ears ring, it means that we are going (warning of death). In this case the Indians strike their ears as one who shoos away flies and say: *etê pai pra edai* (I don't want to go).

When the clouds are tinged with red, it's a sign that spotted tigers are being born.

When an Indian is weaving something and his legs go to sleep, he says: "it's a sign that they are going to buy it."

When the eyelids twitch (with those involuntary wormlike movements), it is a sign that some one of our relatives is dying. [763]

When a stick crackles as it burns, it is a sign that some one of our relatives is suffering.

The above is sufficient for our readers to form an idea how the Pemón Indians think in relation to omens.